The Brocken Spectre (German Brockengespenst) is an optical phenomenon that got its name from the foggy peak called Brocken in the Harz Mountains. The illusion appears when a low sun is behind someone looking downwards into the mist or fog from a ridge or peak. The shadowy figure is referred to as the “spectre”, which converges towards the antisolar point (or the point opposite the sun) around which light halos are also centered. This phenomenon can often be viewed from airplanes.